117. C/o 174 Janta houses A(U), Pitampura.
118. 72 SFS B(U) Pitampura.
119. 396 LIG houses at Pkt. GJ(U), Pitampura.
120. 192 Janta houses, Pitampura, Pkt. V(P).
121. 192 MIG in B(P) Pitampura.
122. 64 MIG at Lawrence Road, Pkt. C3.
123. Weaver's Colony at Ashok Vihar, Phase-IV.
124. Siri Nagar Extension.
125. 688 MIG at Shalimar Bagh, Block U&V including CSC.
126. 24 MIG at Lawrence Road.
127. 96 MIG in Pkt. A 2, Lawrence Road.
128. H 5(Part) Pitampura.

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129. 64 MIG houses in Pkt. 8 Vivek Vihar, Jhilmil Phase II.
130. 40 CSP house at Chitra Vihar.
131. 584 (actual 560) EWS houses at Trilokpuri Opp. Block 8-A.
132. 230 MIG/LIG houses at Mayur Vihar, Ph. I, Pkt. V.
133. 60 MIG/LIG houses at Mayur Vihar, Ph. I, Pkt. V.
134. C/o LRT near Karkar Dooma.
135. 325 EWS houses at Chilla village Gr. II.
136. Resettlement colonies Phase I, Kondli Gharoli.

Excessive Exploitation of Ground Water in Punjab and Haryana

1701. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excessive exploitation of ground water for intensive cultivation in Punjab and Haryana has led to a lowering of ground water levels by approximately six metres;

(b) whether it is also a fact that village ponds, which used to conserve and collect rain water, have been used as real estate, thereby compounding the problem;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to conserve ground water levels in areas of intensive agriculture and prevent further environmental degradation; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Fall of more than four metres in the ground water level has been observed between May, 1992 and May, 1993 in small pockets of Jalandar and Kapurthala districts in Punjab and also in small pockets of Ambala, Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Hissar, Jind Karnal, Mohindergarh, Rohtak and Sirsa districts of Haryana.

(b) the use of villages ponds, which were allowing percoletion of water in the sub soil, for other purposes also contributes to the decline of the level of ground water.

(c) and (d) A Model Bill to control and regulate the development of ground water, so as to avoid over exploitation of ground water resources has been circulated to the State Governments/Union Territories including Government of Punjab for consideration/ suggestions. The Central Ground Water Board has also formulated a scheme for artificial recharge of ground water in critical blocks of the country.

Major and Minor Project in Orissa

1702. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government has approached the Central Government for funds to complete the major and medium projects;

(b) whether the Orissa Government have also approached the international agencies for funding the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) In consultation with State Government the Planning Commission has allocated an amount of Rs. 2614.33 crores for Major & Medium Irrigation Sector in VIII Plan.

(b) and (c) While external assistance is already provided to Government of Orissa for Upper Indravati Irrigation Project (Loan of Yen 3744 million from OECF Japan) and Upper Kolab Irrigation Project (Loan of Yen 3769 million from OECF Japan), it is also one of the participating States in World Bank aided National Water Management Project (IDA Credit of SDR 93.2 million) and Dam Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation Project (IDA Credit of SDR 96.2 million and IBRD Loan of US $ 23 million). Japanese Grant facility of Yen 100.3 million for undertaking studies for formulation of Water Resources Consolidation Project (Orissa and Haryana) has also been tied up. There is also a proposal for providing World Bank assistance to Subernarekha Irrigation Project (Orissa).

National Water Policy

1703. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a National Water Policy, if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(b) whether there is any programme for involvement of people in irrigation water management at various levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. The salient feature of the National Water Policy are:

1. reckoning a drainage basin or sub-basin as a unit fo Planning;

2. adoption of integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to planning and formulation of projects;

3. integrated and conjunctive development of surface and ground water;

4. special attention in planning projects for benefiting disadvantaged groups of the society;

5. water transfer to needy areas based on a national perspective;

6. prioritising water use and provision of drinking water while planning multi-purpose project; and

7. integration of land and water use policies.

(b) Steps have been initiated under the Command Area Development programme towards involvement of farmers in irrigation water management below miner/outlet level. Detailed guidelines of farmers participation were framed and circulated to the states in 1987 to initiate, on pilot basis, formulation of such association atleast on one minor.

Controlling the Brahmaputra Tributories

1704. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes contemplated and approved by Government to tame and control the Brahmaputra and its tributories in Assam;

(b) whether Government are aware that the river bed of Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh is fast raising;

(c) if so, whether any scheme has been taken by Government to dig out the river bed of Brahmaputra in order to increase the water load capacity of Brahmaputra; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be the affirmative the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Master Plans for managing floods in Brahmaputra river have been prepared. Short-term and long-term measures have been identified. During the last three years, 22 flood management schemes have been approved for implementation. Another 24 flood manangement schemes have been prepared. These are being modified in view of the observations of appraising agencies.